

RESOLUTION No. 15-130

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Lt. Gen. (Ret.) James Link will be honored for his active volunteerism in the local community during the "2015 Honoring Our Elders Celebration" sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation held at the Jackson Center on March 14, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Rosetta James Foundation was founded in December 2006. It is a 509 (a) (2) public charity and educational organization founded for the purposes of providing scholarships to deserving students and recognizing the contributions of the elderly in the community while promoting volunteerism and community outreach; and,

WHEREAS, the Foundation's famous "Honoring Our Elders Celebration" is named in honor of Mrs. Rosetta James, a native of Akron, Alabama, in recognition of her outstanding and extraordinary dedication and service too many communities by way of active citizenship. Mrs. James has been determined to seek and search for ways to serve the underserved, minister to the incarcerated, register citizens to vote, provide for the poor and assure hope for the hopeless throughout Huntsville-Madison County for more than 30 years, and continues to be an exemplar of servant citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) James M. Link, former president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, amassed considerable experience in technology and systems modernization gained during a long and distinguished military career. Prior to the post at Teledyne, Lt. Gen. Link also served as senior vice president at SAIC, also in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Link held several command and staff positions while on active duty. He served as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command from 1998-2000, and also served as Chief of Staff prior to that. From 1994-97, he served as Commander of the U.S. Army Missile Command (now Aviation and Missile Command) at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He was Deputy Commander, 21st Theater Army Area Command, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army from 1993-94. Moreover, Lt. Gen. Link has held various logistical, training and staff assignments, including command positions during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In Vietnam, he served as a Company Commander in the 173rd Airborne Brigade; and,

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Link earned his undergraduate degree at Methodist College, and completed graduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee and he attended the Harvard University JFK School of Government in 1995. He received military education from the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; and,

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WHEREAS, his numerous affiliations have included the Huntsville Rotary Club, Association of the United States Army, National Defense Industrial Association, Army Space Missile Defense Association, Society of Logistics Engineers, Army Aviation Association of America, American Helicopter Society, Army Aviation Corridor of Excellence Executive Planning Board and Huntsville Federal Agency Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, he has been married and traveled the world with Judy, his wife of more than 40 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Lt. Gen. James M. Link and the Rosetta James Foundation, and extend best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of March, 2015.

President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 12th day of March, 2015.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama